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# YODA'S SECRET WAR

*It is a time of renewed hope for the Rebel Alliance as heroic rebel soldiers strive to overthrow Imperial efforts throughout the galaxy.*

*When rebel droid C-3PO gets captured by Scar Squadron, a team of elite stormtroopers, R2-D2 takes off on a solo rescue mission, stranding Luke in his X-wing. While searching for R2-D2, Luke turns to the journal of Ben Kenobi, which contains a story from the earlier days of Master Yoda.*

*After a daring rescue, Yoda feels a calling in the Force and follows it – to a planet inhabited only by child warriors. The warriors lead the Jedi Master to a sacred rock where they meditate to strengthen their “stonepower”. Jealous of Yoda’s abilities with the Force, they send him deep into the heart of the mountain to seek a mysterious power....*

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AND SO THE JEDI MASTER  
CLIMBED THE MOUNTAIN,  
FEELING THAT EACH STEP  
WAS BRINGING HIM CLOSER  
TO UNLOCKING ITS SECRETS.

BUT THERE WERE  
VERY MANY STEPS.

AND HIS TRAVELING  
COMPANION DID  
NOT SHARE HIS THIRST  
FOR ANSWERS.



HOW...  
HOW ARE YOU  
STILL...



YOU MOVE  
LIKE YOU'RE A THOUSAND  
YEARS OLD...BUT YOU'VE BEEN  
WALKING AT THE EXACT SAME  
PACE...FOR HOURS.


MOUNTAIN  
WILL NOT COME  
TO US. NO OTHER  
WAY THERE IS.

YOU GO INSIDE THAT MOUNTAIN,  
YOU'RE NEVER COMING OUT.

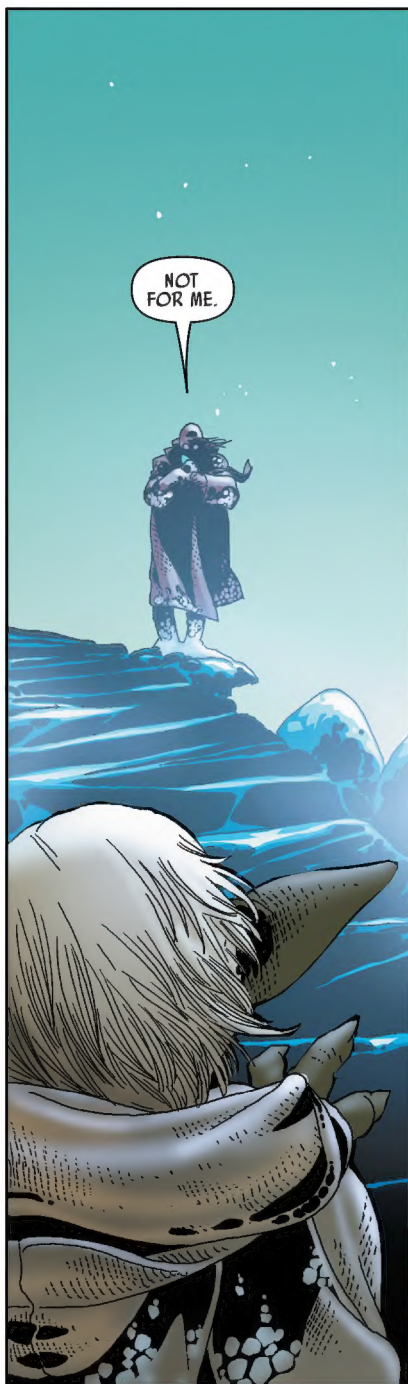
EVERY DAY  
THEY SEND PRISONERS  
INSIDE. SEND THEM TO FIND  
THE HEART OF THE  
MOUNTAIN.

NONE OF  
THEM HAVE EVER BEEN  
SEEN AGAIN.

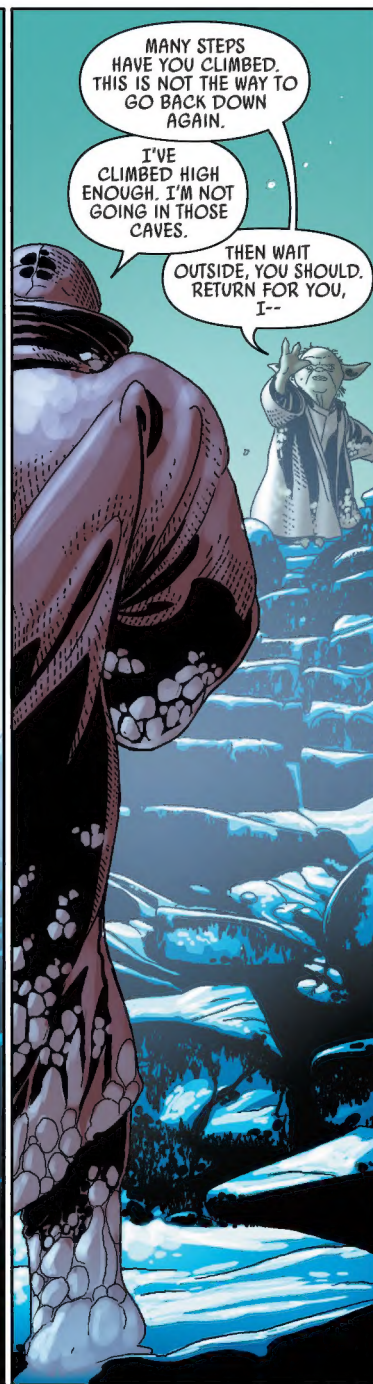
FIND THEM  
WE WILL. OR SUFFER  
THEIR FATE. EITHER WAY,  
A GREAT MYSTERY AT  
LAST WILL BE  
SOLVED.







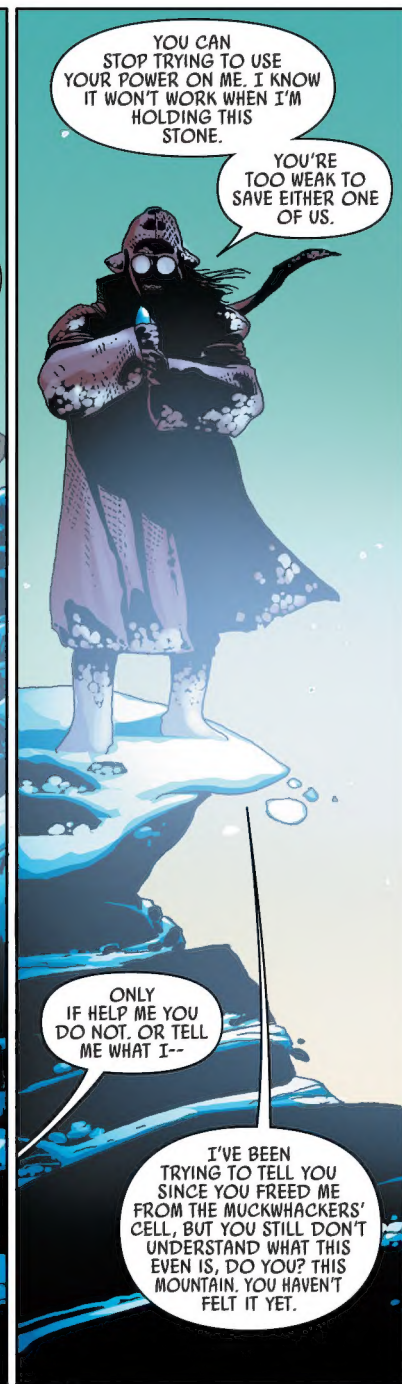
NOT FOR ME.



MANY STEPS HAVE YOU CLIMBED. THIS IS NOT THE WAY TO GO BACK DOWN AGAIN.

I'VE CLIMBED HIGH ENOUGH. I'M NOT GOING IN THOSE CAVES.

THEN WAIT OUTSIDE, YOU SHOULD. RETURN FOR YOU, I--



YOU CAN STOP TRYING TO USE YOUR POWER ON ME. I KNOW IT WON'T WORK WHEN I'M HOLDING THIS STONE.

YOU'RE TOO WEAK TO SAVE EITHER ONE OF US.

ONLY IF HELP ME YOU DO NOT. OR TELL ME WHAT I--

I'VE BEEN TRYING TO TELL YOU SINCE YOU FREED ME FROM THE MUCKWHACKERS' CELL, BUT YOU STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS EVEN IS, DO YOU? THIS MOUNTAIN. YOU HAVEN'T FELT IT YET.



WHEN IT LOOKS INTO YOU, YOU'LL KNOW. WHEN THE MOUNTAIN SEES YOU...

NO.

...YOU'LL WISH YOU'D GONE WITH ME.



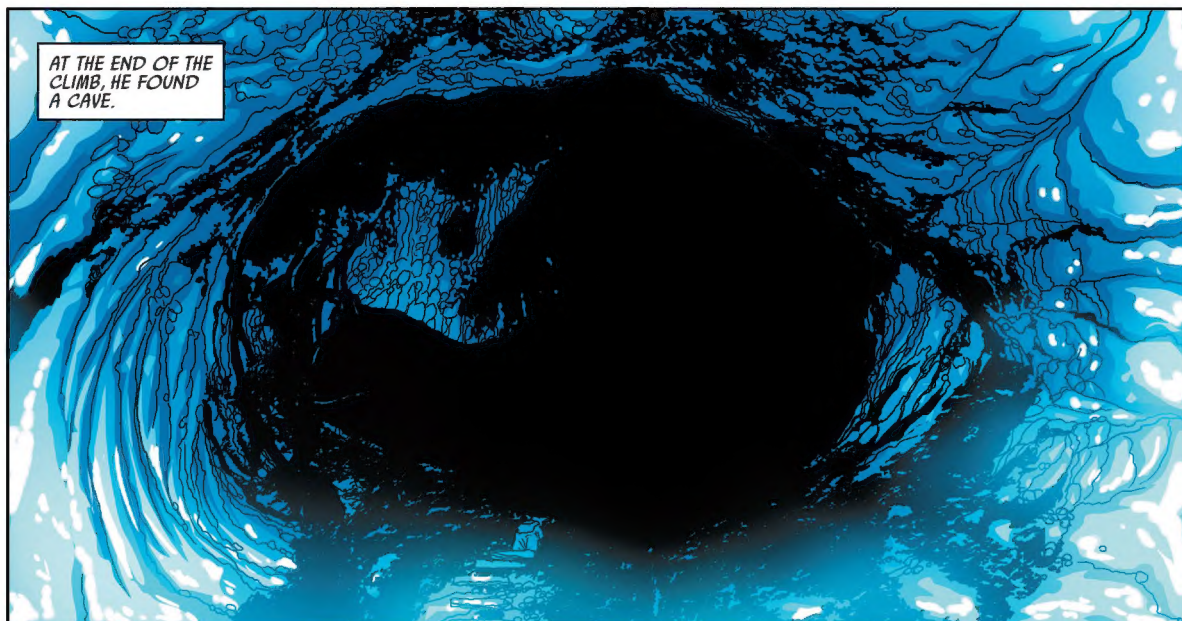


THE JEDI MASTER  
CLIMBED THE REST  
OF THE WAY ALONE.



MORE THAN THE CLIMB...  
IT WAS THE SILENCE THAT  
PAINED HIM.

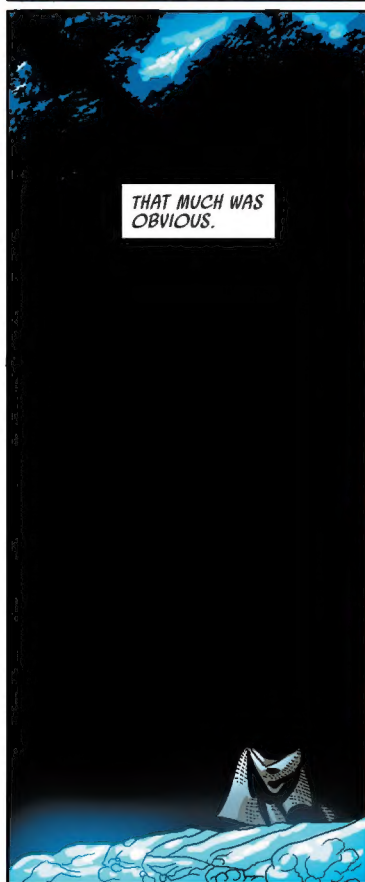




AT THE END OF THE CLIMB, HE FOUND A CAVE.



IT WAS NO ORDINARY CAVE.



THAT MUCH WAS OBVIOUS.



EVEN BEFORE IT CLOSED BEHIND HIM.

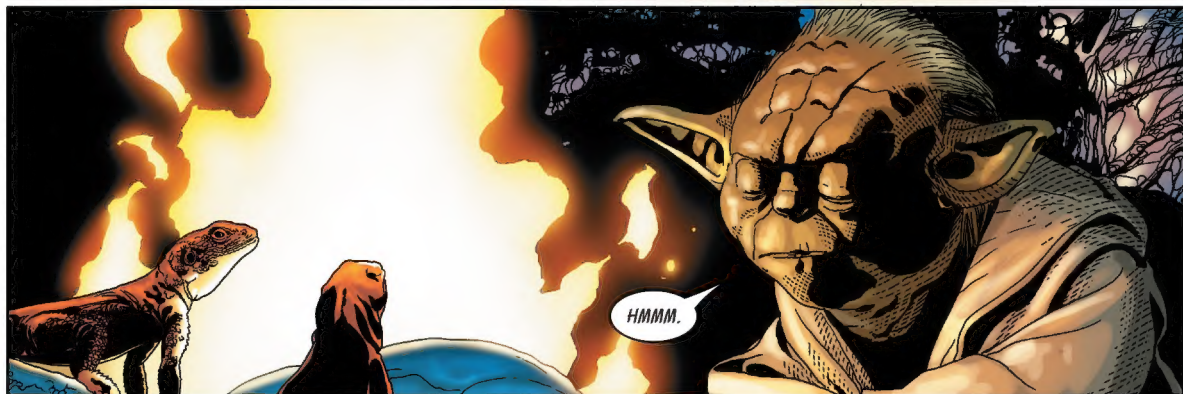
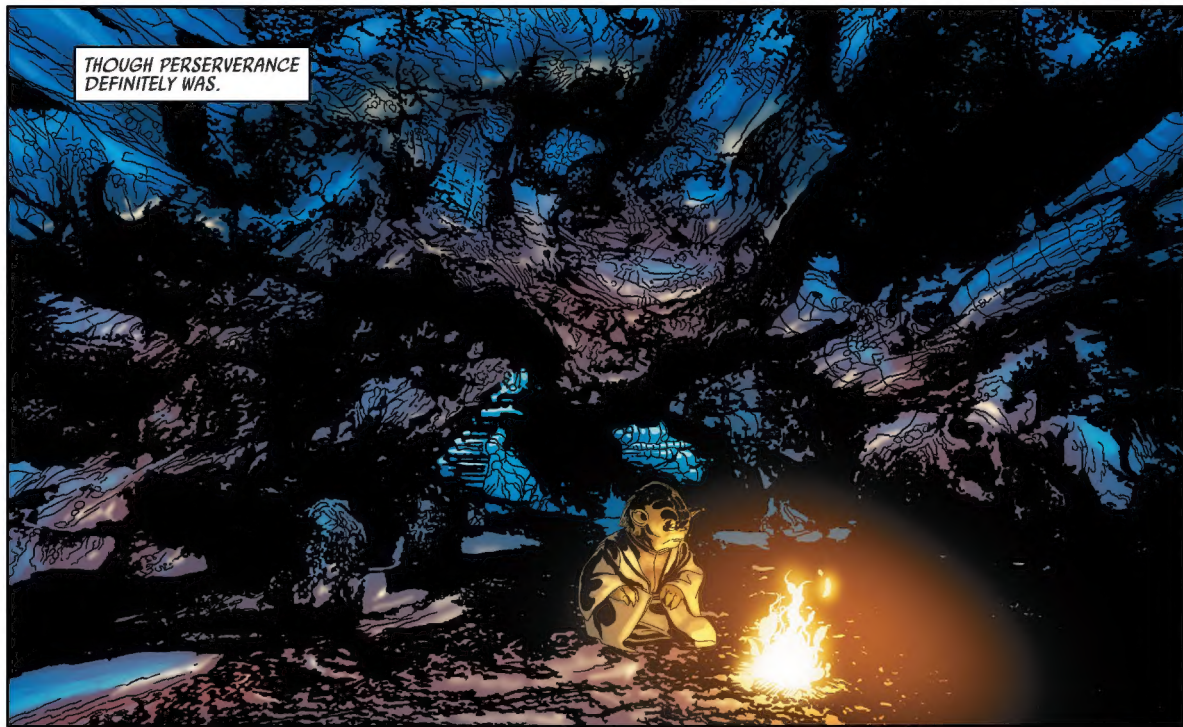


BUT THE JEDI DID NOT HESITATE.

FOR FEAR WAS NOT IN HIS NATURE.



THOUGH PERSERVERANCE  
DEFINITELY WAS.



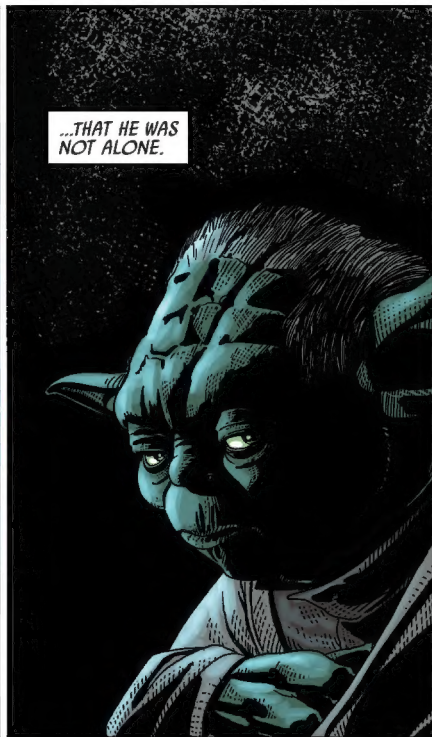




HE WALKED THE  
CAVERNS FOR MANY  
DAYS. MEDITATING.  
EXPLORING.



HIS ONLY  
COMPANION WAS  
THE GROWING  
SENSE...



...THAT HE WAS  
NOT ALONE.



COME TO  
FIGHT I HAVE NOT.  
LOST LIKE YOU I  
AM.

WE'RE NOT  
LOST.





WE'RE  
EXACTLY WHERE  
WE WANT TO  
BE.  
YOU'RE THE  
ONE WHO NEEDS  
TO...TO...



WAIT,  
HE'S NOT ONE  
OF OUR...  
HE'S...  
HE'S A...WHAT  
IS HE?

WE THOUGHT  
YOU WERE ONE OF  
THEM. ONE OF THOSE  
LITTLE MONSTERS  
FROM OUTSIDE.  
ONE OF OUR  
CHILDREN.

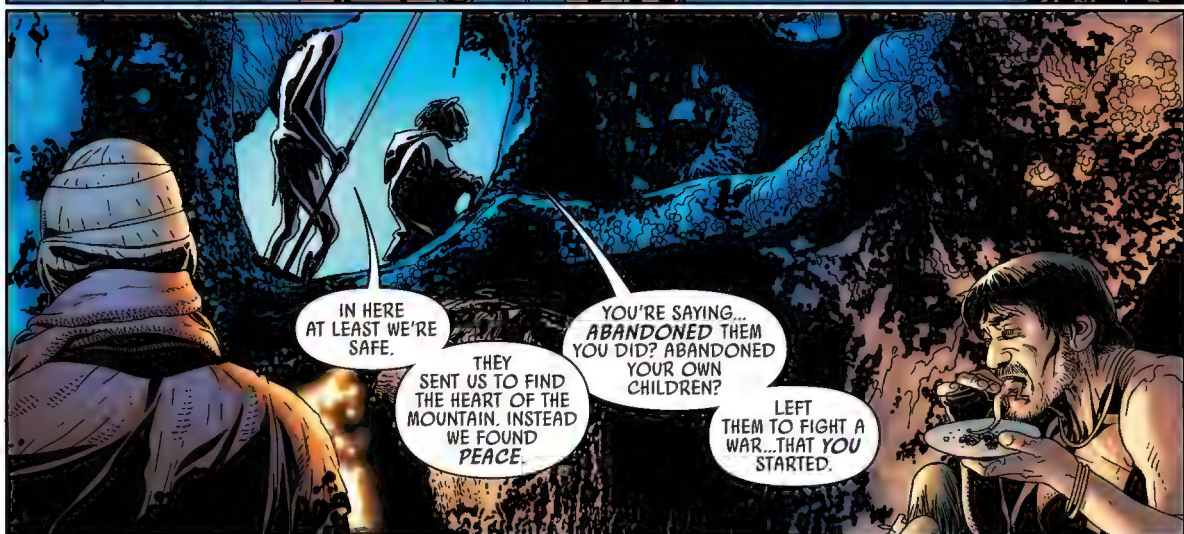
THE MISSING  
PARENTS.



TRAPPED YOU  
DOWN HERE, YOUR  
CHILDREN DID. SENT  
YOU TO FIND THE HEART  
OF THE MOUNTAIN, AS  
THEY SENT ME.

HRPH.  
YES, THEY  
SENT US DOWN  
HERE. BUT WHO  
SAID WE WERE  
TRAPPED?







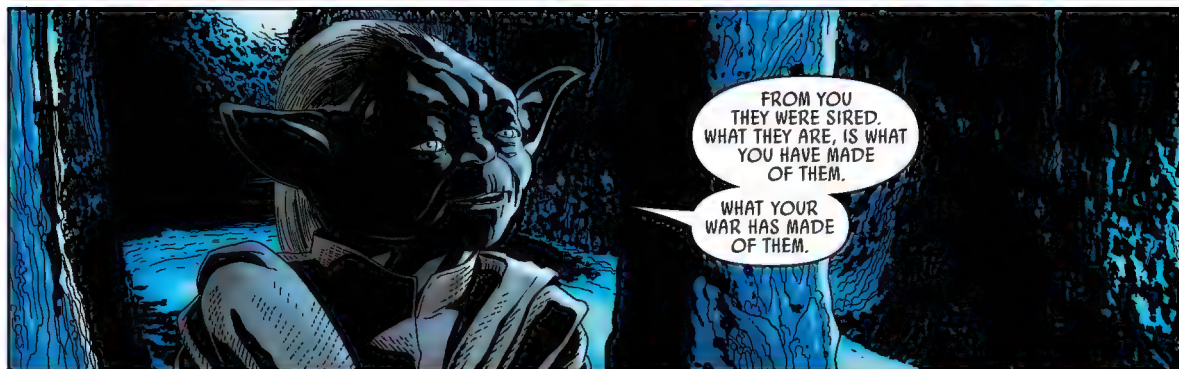


CLEARLY YOU'RE NOT FROM AROUND HERE, BUT YOU'VE OBVIOUSLY MET THE LITTLE BEASTS.

THEY'RE ANIMALS. YOU SEE HOW THEY BRANDED US?

THIS IS THE MARK OF THE ANCIENT ONES. THE LONG-DEAD FOREFATHERS. THAT'S WHAT WE ARE TO THEM.

WE MAY HAVE STARTED THE WAR, BUT THEY REFUSED TO LIVE WITHOUT IT.



FROM YOU THEY WERE Sired. WHAT THEY ARE, IS WHAT YOU HAVE MADE OF THEM.

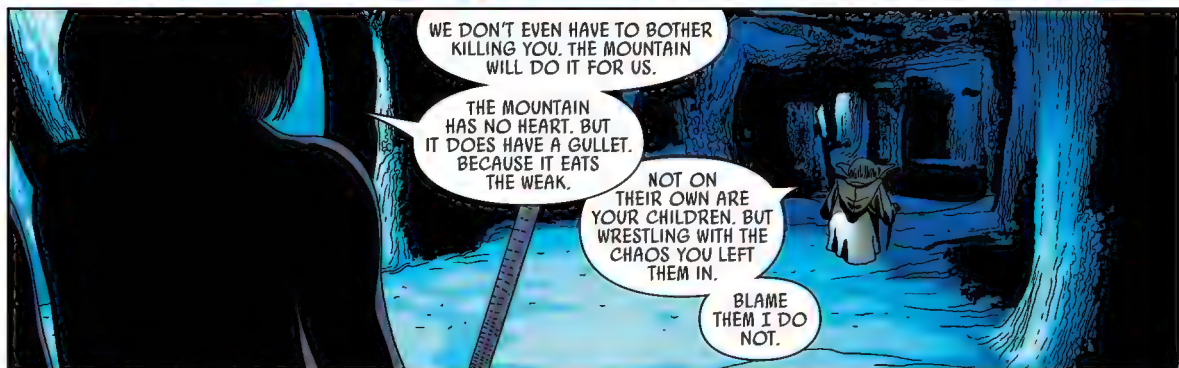
WHAT YOUR WAR HAS MADE OF THEM.



THEY'RE NOT OUR CHILDREN ANYMORE. THEY'RE ON THEIR OWN.

AND SO ARE YOU, LITTLE STRANGER.

GET GOING.



WE DON'T EVEN HAVE TO BOTHER KILLING YOU. THE MOUNTAIN WILL DO IT FOR US.

THE MOUNTAIN HAS NO HEART. BUT IT DOES HAVE A GULLET. BECAUSE IT EATS THE WEAK.

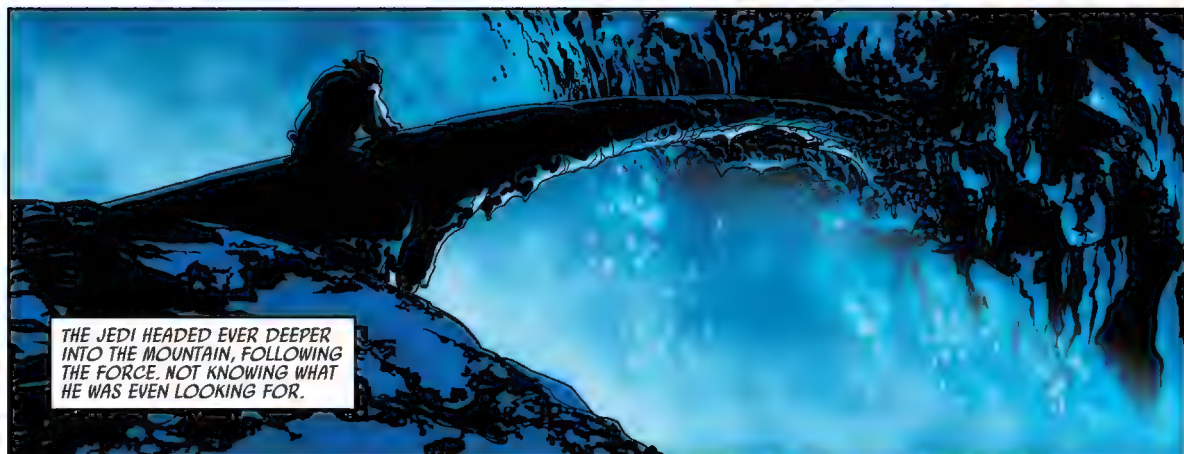
NOT ON THEIR OWN ARE YOUR CHILDREN. BUT WRESTLING WITH THE CHAOS YOU LEFT THEM IN.

BLAME THEM I DO NOT.

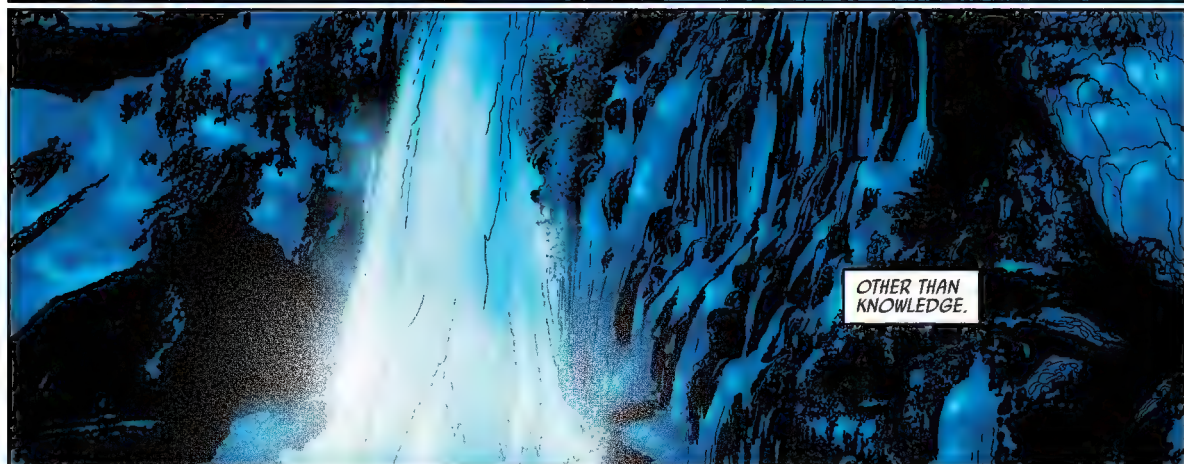


"BETTER TEACHERS THEY DESERVED."

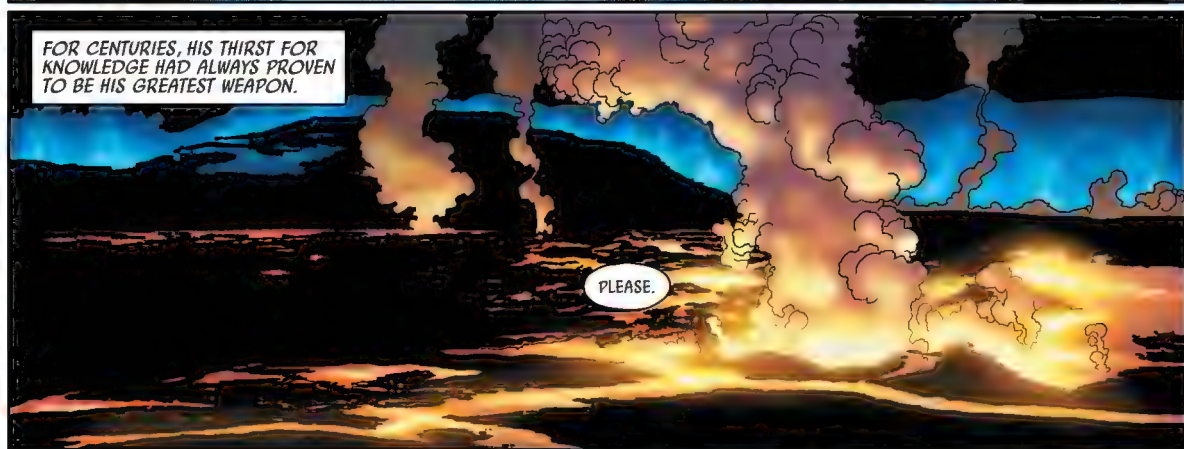




THE JEDI HEADED EVER DEEPER INTO THE MOUNTAIN, FOLLOWING THE FORCE. NOT KNOWING WHAT HE WAS EVEN LOOKING FOR.

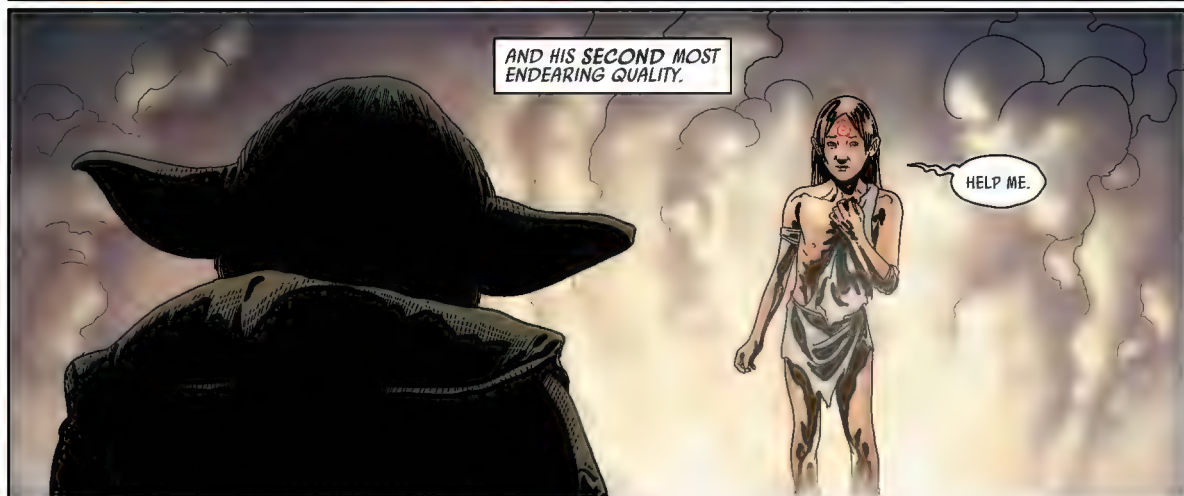


OTHER THAN KNOWLEDGE.



FOR CENTURIES, HIS THIRST FOR KNOWLEDGE HAD ALWAYS PROVEN TO BE HIS GREATEST WEAPON.

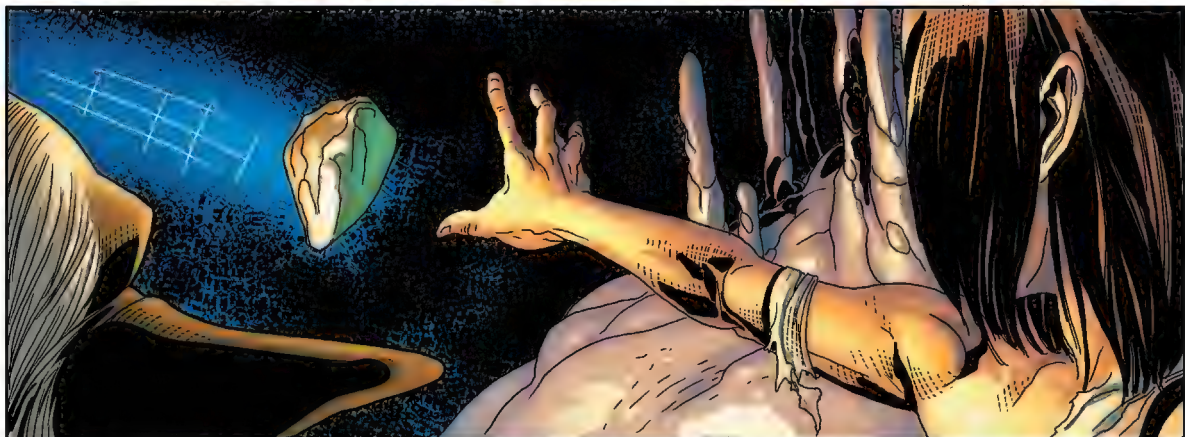
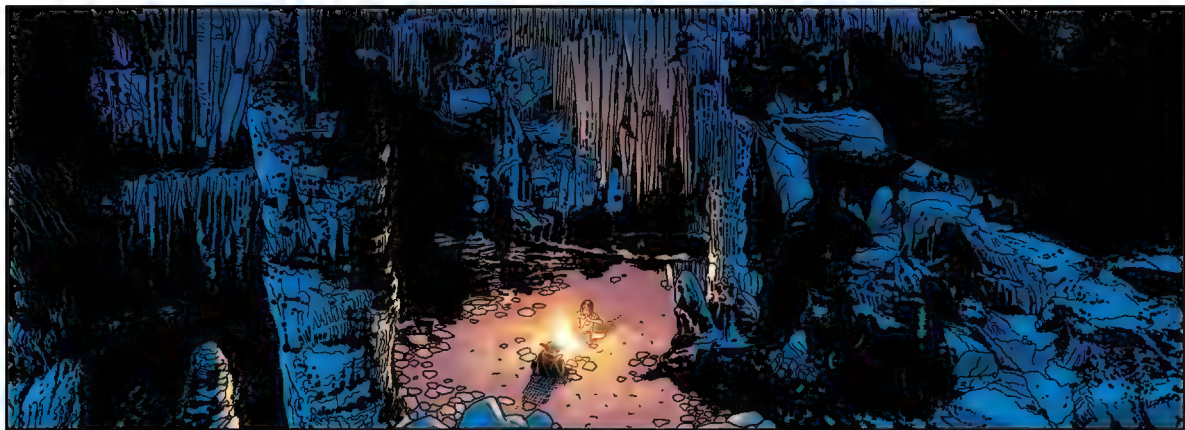
PLEASE.



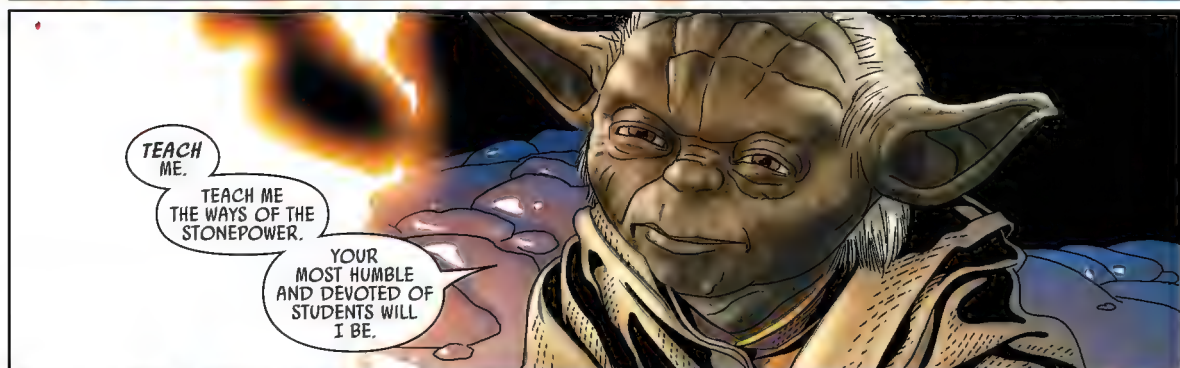
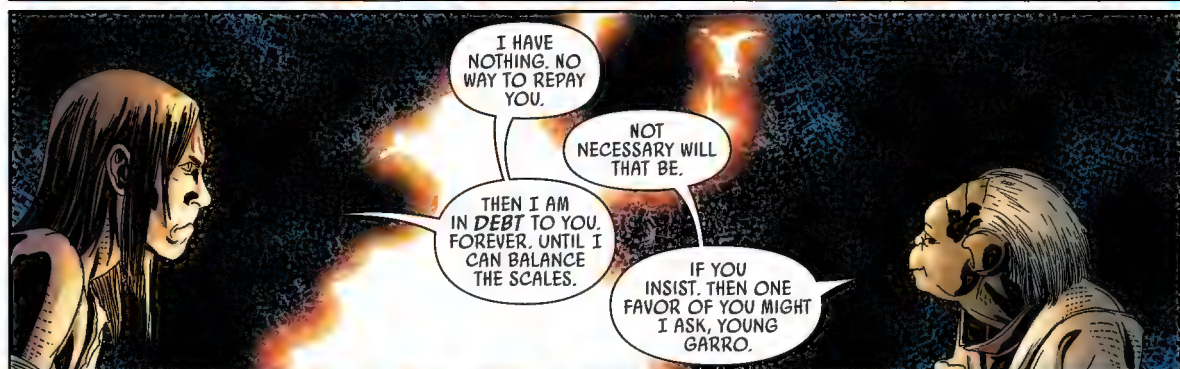
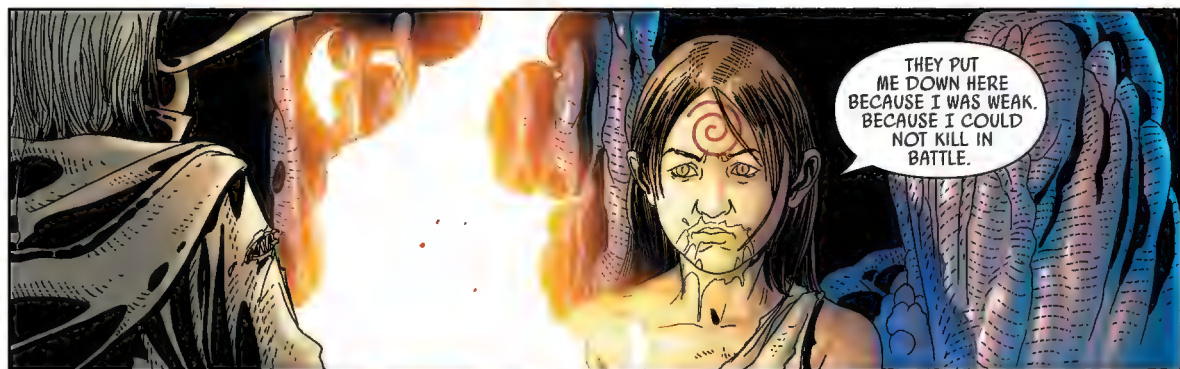
AND HIS SECOND MOST ENDEARING QUALITY.

HELP ME.



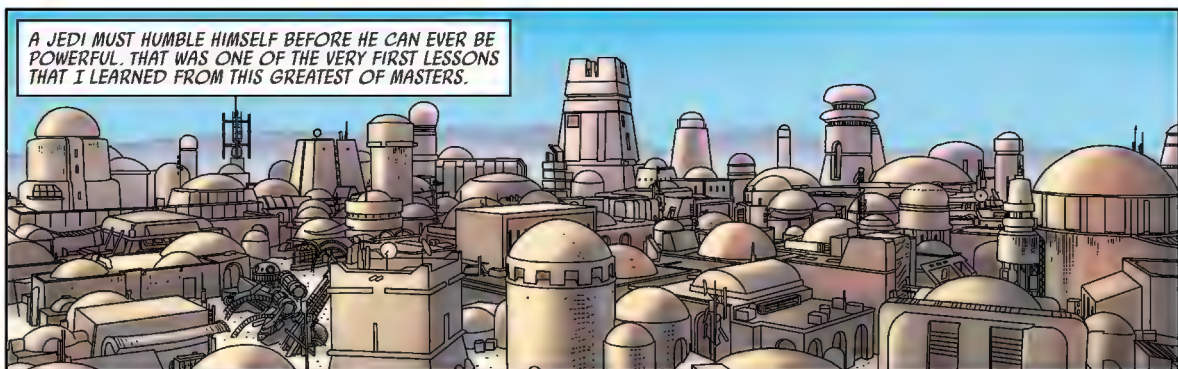




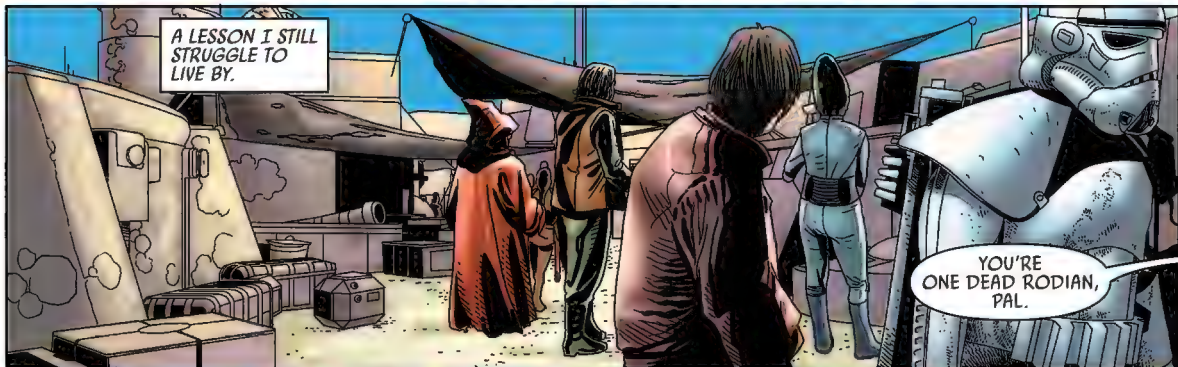




A JEDI MUST HUMBLE HIMSELF BEFORE HE CAN EVER BE POWERFUL. THAT WAS ONE OF THE VERY FIRST LESSONS THAT I LEARNED FROM THIS GREATEST OF MASTERS.



A LESSON I STILL STRUGGLE TO LIVE BY.



YOU'RE ONE DEAD RODIAN, PAL.

YOU SO MUCH AS TOUCH THAT WEAPON AND I'LL BLAST YOU INTO STARDUST.

<THE ONLY THING THAT WILL BE BLASTED WILL BE YOUR UGLY FACE.>\*

\*TRANSLATED FROM HUTTISE.



<DRAW YOUR BLASTER...IF YOU HAVE THE GUTS.>



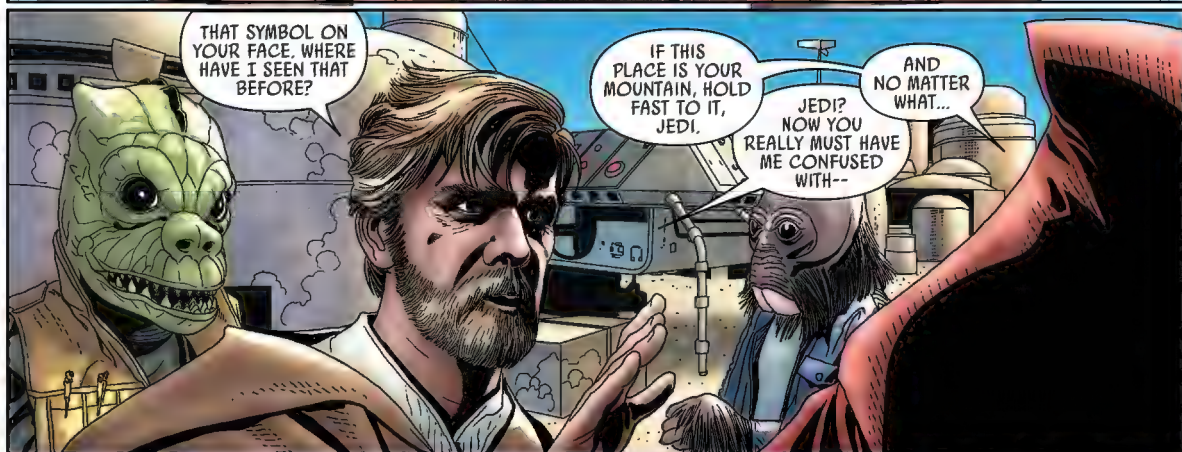
WHY DON'T I BUY YOU A DRINK INSTEAD?













THAT IS WHY STORIES MUST  
BE PRESERVED AND PASSED  
ON. SO THE LEARNING  
NEVER STOPS.

THAT SYMBOL.  
WHY DOES THAT LOOK  
SO FAMILIAR? LOOKS  
ALMOST LIKE A...

ESSFOR,  
IF YOU'RE DONE  
NAPPING, HOW ABOUT  
YOU RUN THIS SYMBOL  
AGAINST ALL KNOWN  
STAR MAPS?

I  
KNEW IT. SET  
COURSE FOR THE  
VAGADARR  
SYSTEM.

THIS COULD  
BE IT. THIS COULD  
BE WHAT I'VE BEEN  
LOOKING FOR ALL  
THIS TIME.

THIS  
IS HOW I SAVE  
THREEPIO AND  
ARTOO.

THIS IS HOW  
I FINALLY BECOME  
A JEDI.

NO MATTER HOW OLD WE GROW, THERE  
IS ALWAYS SOMETHING ELSE OUT THERE...



...WAITING TO  
BE LEARNED.



UGGH.



FOCUS.

YOU HAVE  
TO FEEL THE  
STONE.



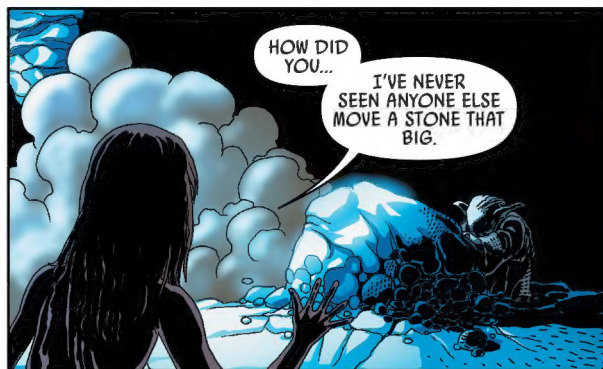
FEEL IT  
BREATHING.



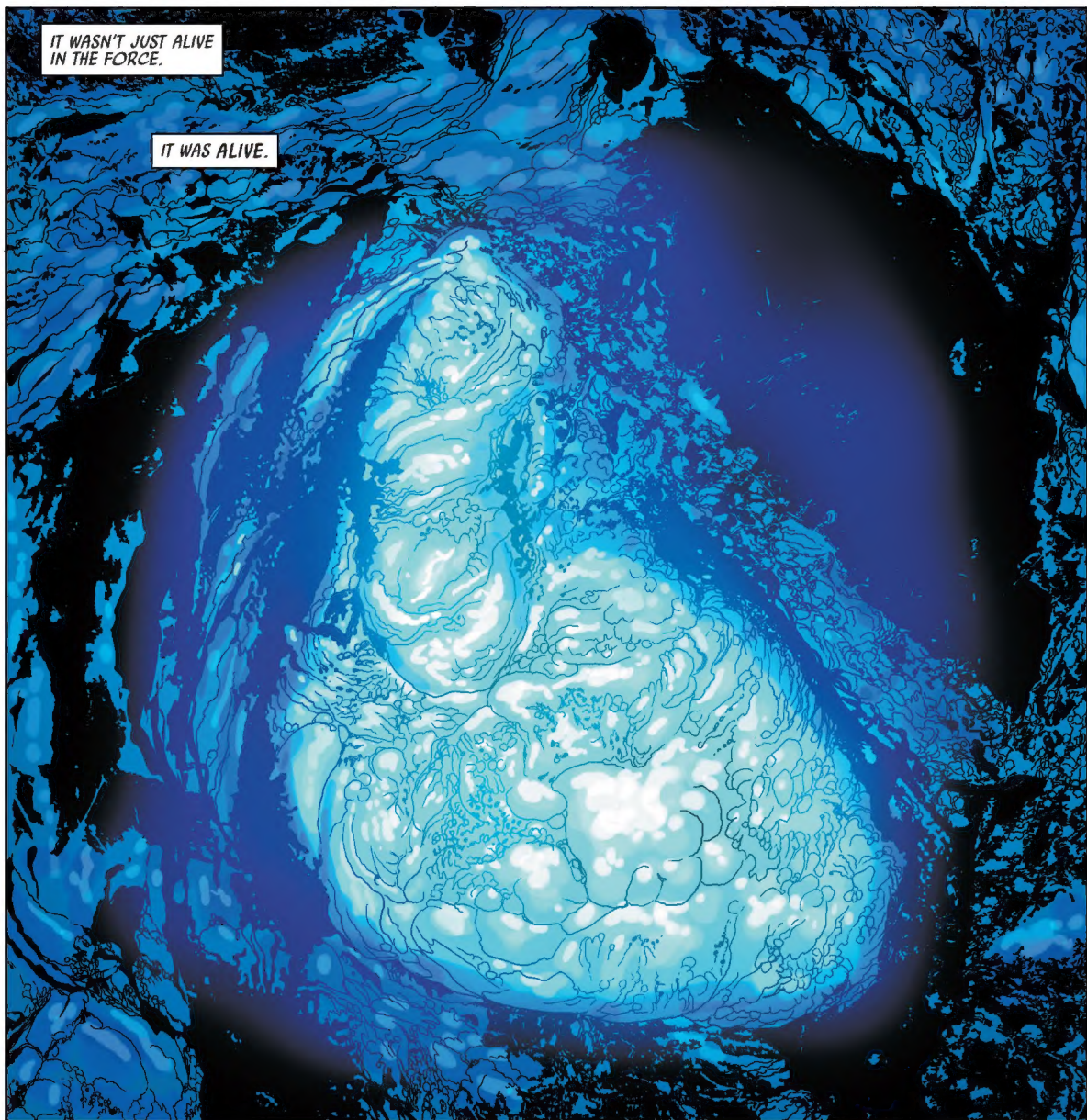












IT WASN'T JUST ALIVE  
IN THE FORCE.

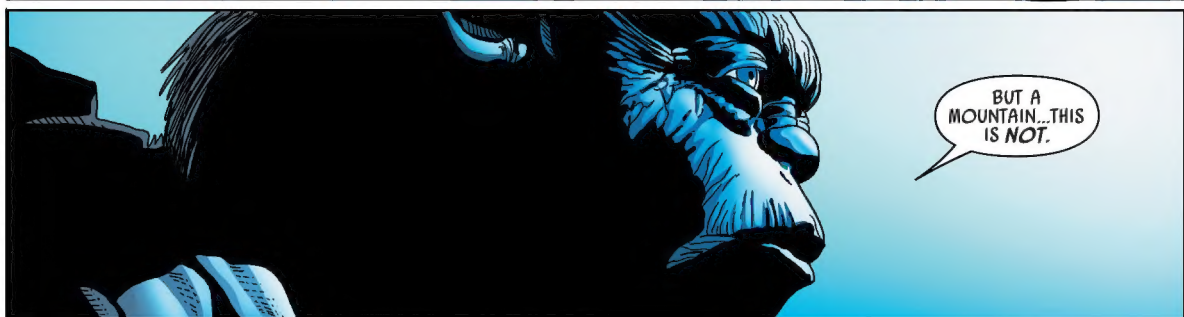
IT WAS ALIVE.



THE  
HEART OF THE  
MOUNTAIN.

WE DID  
IT. WE FOUND  
IT.

YES.  
THE HEART  
THIS IS.



BUT A  
MOUNTAIN...THIS  
IS NOT.



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